



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

### ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Throughout 2024, our Sunday morning and special services focus on one text from each of the sixty-six books of the Bible. In doing so, we have the opportunity to look at the entire sweep of the biblical witness. The Bible is not sixty-six separate stories but one, cohesive narrative from creation to new creation, centered in Jesus our Savior. This series is created by Rev. Dr. Paul Deterding, teacher emeritus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School.

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**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.  
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

### PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN 428** *"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow" (soloist: verse 1)*

### CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS

*2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV; Genesis 3:19; Joel 2:12; Psalm 51:17; John 3:16–17*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

**C** But we are dust, and to dust we shall return.

**P** "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

**C** The sacrifice the Lord desires is a broken and contrite heart; it will not be despised.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** “God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### **SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### **VERSE OF THE MONTH** *John 3:17*

**C** God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,  
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

*The Lord promises to make a new covenant with His people.*

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after

those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE** *Colossians 2:16–23*

*Religious traditions and man-made rituals will come and go; we hold fast to Christ.*

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments,

grows with a growth that is from God.

<sup>20</sup>If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—<sup>21</sup>“Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”—<sup>22</sup>(referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? <sup>23</sup>These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 10:35–45*

*The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and ultimately give up His very life.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

<sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my

right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**CREED** *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

**SERMON HYMN 430** *“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

**SERMON** *66 Texts from 66 Books: “Hold Fast to Christ”*

**GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.*

*Music during the offering:*

**SOLO** *“In Christ Alone” by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The 10:30 am service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction,  
and Closing Hymn 429, “We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died.”*



We receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation  
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

**PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:



**SANCTUS | Holy, Holy, Holy** *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*Tune: SOUTHWELL ("Lord Jesus, Think on Me")*

- C** (sung) **O holy Lord of hosts,  
Our loud hosannas cry:  
Bring Your almighty pow'r to bear;  
Save us, O Lord, we pray.**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26*

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**PAX DOMINI | Peace of the Lord** *John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI | Lamb of God** *John 1:29*

*Tune: SOUTHWELL ("Lord Jesus, Think on Me")*

- C** (sung) **O spotless Lamb of God  
Who takes away our sin,  
By Your great mercy and Your grace  
Wash us without, within.**

*We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail.*

*For those who have problems consuming alcohol, you are invited to receive diluted wine from the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups. For those who have dietary restrictions, gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

*Music during distribution:*

**HYMN 543** “What Wondrous Love Is Jesus”

**HYMN 433** “Glory Be to Jesus”

**HYMN 685** “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN 429** “We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

### **SENDING & POSTLUDE**

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*This week's takeaway: In the grab-bag of religious notions and teachings and helps and “saviors” only one is necessary—Jesus. Hold fast to Christ. He is holding you in His grace and mercy, giving you the fullness of salvation today and always.*

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### **SERVING IN THIS SERVICE**

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Kaleb Virus, *Vocalist (8:00 am)*, Laini Rankin, *Vocalist (10:30 am)*

Sarah Kirchhoff, *Soloist (10:30 am)*

Keaton Marsh, Karrah Rehkop, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Aiden Frerking, Braden Hemme, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Roger & Carolyn Flandermeyer, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Kathy Schnakenberg, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.*

- **New:** Julie Boehmer, Marilyn Clayton, Kevin Brackman, Chad Nuelle, Alan Luebbert, Rev. Perry Copus
- **Ongoing:** Randy Lasater, Rev. Warren Schmidt, Vivian Harms, Donnie Fiene, Ann Wolters, Rev. Dr. Leslie Mitkos, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Roger Luedeman, Amy Gerdts, Gloria Burrow, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Griffit, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball
- **Nation and World:** the people of Eritrea
- **Partners in Mission:** Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Kimberling City, MO and Rev. Richard Futrell
- **Birthdays:** (3/17) Travis Flandermeyer, Joan Parks, Wyatt Todd; (3/18) Eli Boehmer, Ethan Boehmer, Lanfe Brackman, Pat Inman, Mark Schelp; (3/19) Lacey Fiene, Rebecca Haase, Joan Hemme, Dave Oetting, Stanley Oetting; (3/20) Alan Luebbert; (3/21) Emily Grass, Lucinda Mehl, Richard Nienhueser, Eve Strobel; (3/22) Darryl Heimsoth, Joyce Kanoy, Hunter Luedeman, Michael Meyer; (3/23) Aaron Frerking, Pierce Strobel, Kip Vassar, Deena Wienberg
- **Anniversaries:** (3/19) Gary & Beth Maggert; (3/20) Thomas & Ruth Bennett, Leo & Marilyn Maggert

## FAMILY FOOTNOTES

*Gina Martens, Family Life Director*

“The best things in life are the result of being wounded. Wheat must be crushed before becoming bread, and incense must be burned by fire before its fragrance is set free. The earth must be broken with a sharp plow before being ready to receive the seed. And it is a broken heart that pleases God. Yes, the sweetest joys of life are the fruits of sorrow” (L.B. Cowman). Some of those words are tough for me to read. I know that sweet joys can come from the fruits of sorrow, but I don’t like to go through the sorrow part. None of us do. It’s hard. Each of us has had sorrows in our lives. Each of us have had broken hearts and broken places in our lives, yet God uses those to be a blessing. We don’t always see how, but He knows. If we desire to show empathy, to feel the pain of another, to walk alongside someone who is grieving, to offer true comfort to the heart, then we must be willing to suffer. “If you aspire to be a person of consolation, to go beyond giving commonplace comfort, then you must be prepared to pay the price for a costly education” (Frederick William Robertson). God is our constant. In this world there will be trouble, but He has overcome the world (John 16:32-33). Let Him be your resting place, your foundation. God’s Word says this in Romans 8:18, “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

(Some ideas taken from *Streams in the Desert*, L.B. Cowman).

## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP

Zechariah 9:9–12; Hebrews 7:11–22; Mark 11:1–11

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 442 (*My First Hymnal* 62), 564, 444, 441, 624, 443



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